

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lens for optical scanning condenses luminous flux deflected by an optical deflector to a plane to be scanned in a scanning image forming optical system. The lens is made of a plastic material by molding. A reference axis
5 of an N-th order approximating curve of refractive index distribution $\Delta n(x)$ of the lens is away from a center of a passing area, through which the luminous flux passes in the lens, by equal to or more than 10% of the width of the passing area.